Whatever you are—Be that!
Whatever you say—Be true!
Straightforwardly act.
Be henest—in fact.
Be nobody else but you."

POETRY. An Awkward Pickle.

By H. R. Ellot.
I've slways thought it would be ne
To go like my big brother,
And lunch alone at some cafe;
Therefore I asked my mother;
And when she laughed and said

I went last Saturday, and now
I'll tell you all about it—
Now when I picked out what I wished
I had to go without it!
And that though I had worn my bes
And blacked my shoes and all the rest

The place was one I often passed,
With windows like a larder;
And took my seat like other folks,
To think what I would order.
I chose it all down to the pie,
And thought which kind was best to

When suddenly my heart stood still,
Then jumped up like a rocket!
My fifty cents was left at home
In my old trousers pocket.
And in the clothes that I then wore
Was just one nickel and no more.

My napkin snuggled at my chin,
The waiter stood beside me,
And up and down the crowded ne.
I feit each person eyed me.
It seemed as if I had to stay,
Although I longed to run away.

Again I read the bill of fare;
Not one thing for a nickel!
I hope that you will never be
In such an awkward pickle;
The waiter "waited." I breathed fas
Until I saw these words at last

"Two shredded biscuits for ten cents."
Would one be five? I'd risk it.
Then trying not to show I cared,
I said, "One shredded biscuit."
The waiter amiled and shook his head
"We don't split orders here," he said

"I guess you don't know where you'r

at;
We call this place a Caffy!
Just take your nickel in next door,
And buy yourself some taffy."
And so he showed me to the door,
And I shan't go there any more.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT Mildred E. White, of Stafford Springs—I am ever obliged to you for the pretty prize book you sent me and thank you very much.

Bertha Fuller, of Fagleville—I thank you very much for the nice prize book entitled The Campfire Giris in After

Years. I have read it and found it

Frances Fields, of Norwich—6 thank you for the book entitled Maid of the Mountains. I have read it through and find it interesting. Mary Steinmeyer of Eagleville: I thank you very much for the prise book you sent me.

Theims Boynton of North Franklin. I thank you for the prize book sen me. I found it very interesting. THE WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS

5-Jacophine Borovicks, of West Willington The Bluebird and Other Tales of France,

AWAKES. Not every Wide-Awake who receives

The books are earned and it is no cause for complaint that thanks are not returned, and it doesn't make a bit of difference to Uncle Jed or The Bulletin, but it does make a difference to the average in politeness for all

other Wide-Awakes,
Politeness is of value to every person, and lack of it has worked badly for those who did not put upon it the value they should. Impoliteness cannot be hid—it just sticks right out in everybody's char-acter, like a nail in a board fence that

is catching and tearing garments as people pass. It does damage which Everybody likes the boy or the girl who is polite better than they do those who forget their manners. Grown-ips who are polite have more influence for good in life than those who are

Politeness, said Sydney Smith, is good manners regulated by good sense. The wise are polite all the world ver, said Bacon, but fools are only polite at home. As charity covers a multitude of sins efore God, so does politeness before

circle are more polite Uncle Jed thinks than the same number of men average in active life; but every Wide-Awake should awake to the inestimable value

STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE-

AWAKES. The Boastful Pumpkin.

The Boastful Pumpkin.

It was an October eve and the moon in its glory brightened all out doors. The garden folk were all together; large stacks of corn, heaps of cabbage, mounds of pumpkins dotted the landscape. The harvest crop was assembled and soon the farmers would store all for the winter.

In the most remote corner of one field a huse pumpkin lie all alone. It was certainly a rare specimen, but it was aware of this.

"I am the largest and best pumpkin on the farm," it said in a loud voice, "I shall be sent to the city to be put on exhibition and the people will look at me and praise me as a beauty."

"You, humble friend," it added to a little pumpkin, "are the smallest in the field, and I suppose you will be food for the cattle as you are so small."

"All I wish is to please my owner."

swine.

The little pumpkin was taken by the little girl who admired it very much, to the house where she made a Jack o' lantern of it. She did not forget to save the seed so as to give it its existence the next spring when all things would be in bloom.

WALTER GAVIGAN, Age 13.

Roger Williams. Williams was born in Wale

the Indians.

Early the next summer with five friends from Salem, he crossed the Narragansett bay, looking for a new

trouble,
Roger Williams founded Providence,
Rhode Island, in 1636.
Providence became a refuge for all
who were seeking for a place to worship as they chose.
Roger Williams died in Rhode Island
in 1638.

The Birds That Live Near Our School Phoebes, robins, bluejays and chick-adees live around our school. They make their nests in the big trees. We like to hear their cheery songs. In the winter time chickadees fly around

were not ready to try their wings be-fore we left school, so we did not see them fly away.

them fly away.

The next year they came back again and we were glad to see that they remembered their old home. Every morning as we came to school we always heard the same cheery song, "Phoebe! Phoebe!"

We can show our appreciation to the birds by giving them crumbs to teat and by not throwing stones at them, or frightening them.

MARY A. BURRILL, Age 13.

Stafford Springs.

another ship, and stood up in the row-boat with the banner in his hand. The shot was failing like hall about him, but he got safely on board the other ship. He began the battle again, and the British ships were taken by the Americans.
This is the way Perry sent the news: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The Banana Tree.

The banana tree is a wonderful thing. Every part of it is useful. The long leaves work up into a fine excelsior. The juice, being rich in tannin, furnishes a fine indelible ink and a good shoe polish. The stems yield a first class quality of hemp, from which can be made lace handkerchiefs, cords and ropes, to say nothing of mats and brushes. The oil is used for gilding. Banana flour, of nutritious quality, is made by grinding the dry fruit. In fact, it is said that the natives of Jamaica could screely exist without the banana tree.

PHILURA H. PERKINS.

Colchester, Conn.

A Visit to the Wood.

One bright summer morning we planned to go to the woods. We got our lunch box all ready and filled the sods bottles full with hot tea.

I put on the baby's coat and we started. We walked and walked, but at last reached a cool spot under a large oak tree with a little spring running through the rocks.

I sat the baby down to rest, and ate a little iunch. After that I went scouting for chestnuts and walnuts.

At last I found a chestnut tree and my sister and I filled our pockets as tight as — Sible. Then we started home, after a fine day in the woods MILDRED E. WHITE, Age 18.

Margaret Attended Summer School. Dear Uncle Jed: I will tell you about

also took us home.

I was in the sixth grade. We had summer school through July.

I returned to the district school Sept. 7th.

Columbus.

Dear Uncle Jed: Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. When he was a boy he liked the sea very much. His father was a weol comber. Columbus did not like this trade. When his father saw this he sent him to school, where he could learn to be a sailor.

Years wont by, and Columbus grew to be a big man. At that time people thought the world was fiat, but Columbus always thought the world was round. He wanted to find the West Indies, so he asked Italy for ships, but Italy refused. He asked England and England refused. He asked England and England refused. Columbus was too poor to buy ships.

Seven years went by. One day when Columbus was traveling he stopped at a convent with his little boy to get something to eat and drink.

The priest asked him to come in. Columbus told his story. The priest was interested in his plans, and gave him a letter to give to the king of Spain.

The boy stayed at the convent while

The minute-men of 1776 were the men who were ready at a minute's notice to leave the plough, the workshop or the store and fight for freedom. These men best back the oppression and won the independence of our country. Today their names are recorded on the pages of History in letters that will never fade.

The minute-men of today are the men who are ready to work when the

Then they began to not. Then they began to cry like bables. After quite a while they made up their minds to throw Columbus overboard, but when they went to Columbus they did not dare to do it. They asked him to turn back, but Co-lumbus said he would not turn back

ple living there were copper colored He named them Indians. When Columbus went back home he carried six Indians, birds, trinkets and many other things to Spain that the people never saw. Columbus was kind-

NORA CARR, Age 12.

I carried two vases of flowers and flowers, a pumpkin, corn, a frog, a pep-per plant, some tomatoes, a cucumber pig, a cabbage, some popcorn, some canned goods, a doll carriage, covered with flowers, some dolls and pieces of

Our fathers, mothers and friends came to our fair.

The children strung corn. Two of the girls did it quite fast.

It was a fine fair.

ALFRED K. WALKER, Age 11. Mansfield Center.

All of the week before the fair we learned how to judge things for the fair.

One day some of the boys brought potatoes that were partly good. We picked out the best ones as if for a fair to get used to selecting the best ones.

Friday morning, the seventeenth, the boys brought boards to make the tables. Before school we made one table. At recess and noon we made other tables.

In the afternoon we had classes outdoors while the teacher and a few of the boys and girls swept and fixed up things.

At 2.30 the fair began. There were cooking seeming and flowers on one of the prominent men of Connecticut. He was honest, brave and full of energy.

first telephone; also, how they put up telephone poles in she middle west. On every seat was a small receiver. The man then told us to take up the receivers and listen to a man taiking in Sas Francisco. This man told us about the weather at the fair. He then told us the time in California. We then listened to the waves at the Golden Gate dashing against the rocks. We then listened to a band of music play at the fair. We could hear the music very plain.

They then showed us a copy of the first telephone. After this followed taiking moving pictures of Mr. Bell's assistant. Mr. Watson, making a speech on the first telephone. I enjoyed this very much.

I then went to the navy exhibition. The saller there explained to us the different sights. They then showed us the different aignals used on the ship.

I then walked around and saw the different sights. There was an electrical view of the waterfont of Brooklyn, with all the electricity in the docks, and the boats on the river signalling to each other.

I then went upstairs and saw cows milked by electricity.

Boys of the vocational schools were working on electric and woodwork. I enjoyed this show very much.

GEORGE BIENENSTOCK, Age 14.

New York City.

ed.
One tent contained planes of different makers, vacuum cleaners, and
stoves. People were crowding into
another to buy Diliman's bread and
Hecker's flour, as a souvenir was
given with each.
My sister and I enjoyed visiting the
Education Hell, where all the work
from different schools was exhibited.
Jessie and I had bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting papers amongst

hand and typewriting papers amongst the Cyscter Bay Higs School's work. Hicks, and Lewis Valentine's nurs-eries had trees, paims and other flow-er plants on exhibition. There were a few large flower pots with cactus, and the cactus was covered with fruit and the cactus was covered with fruit. It looked very preity. The small cactus plants were similar to the ones we saw krowing wild in Florida. There were lots of prizes awarded at the fair this year, some of which were for cake, pie, candy, preserves, and many of the things which I have mentioned.

mentioned.

After we had seen all, some of which I could not mention without making my letter too long, we had dinner. Then we looked around the race track, waiched one race around it and left as it was almost time for our train

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well-to-do people, so they could give their two children, Robert and Her-

bert many things that other boys could not possess. They lived in the suburbs of Greenfield. One portion of the yard, which was back of the stable and garage, was given to the boys for their playground. They collected quite a menagerle and kept it in this enclosure. They spent many an hour playing with their pets. Many of them they assured their parents must have intelect or they could not perform the assured their parents must have intel-lect or they could not perform the

lect or they could not perform the tricks they taught them.

It seemed as if they were owners of nearly everything one would desire for a pet, but one day they surprised their father by asking him to procure a crow for them.

Mr. Lee laughingly inquired, "What would you do with it?"

"Why, tame it, of course, and teach it how to talk," replied the boys in unison.

not possess, and much more than I had when I was a lad; yet because you are refused, you still persist in wanting this good-fer-nothing thunder cloud about. A crow is certainly as black as any cloud one sees, and his caw-caw would remind me of thunder every time I heard it. No, I will never give my consent—unless you can prove to me that he is of some use," he slow-lif added; "and as you can never do that, it is no for all time, so never again mention, the subject to me."

The boys went to their yard and played with their pets for awhile, then sat down to talk about this desirable crow. They decided they had taught their pets unknown tricks and ways and why could not they teach a crow to be useful, if, as they had heard, a crow could talk after its tongue was split; they could teach it to call "Fire!" and "Robbers!" and maybe those calls would some time prevent disaster. The color of the bird did not lesson their desire to add him to their collection.

While the boys were helping the gardener that day they told Uncle Jim (called so by the boys) of their wish. After thinking a few moments, be saild "Your fathers' refusal seems to be based on the fact that he does and and directly to the dining room window, followed by Robert; who after casting one look into the inner, room hastened back to the others. After a few words had passed between them Uncle Jim hastily and quictly entered the house and closed and locked the pantry door which led from the dining room window, followed by Robert of the inner, room hastened back to the others. After a few words had passed between them Uncle Jim hastily and quictly entered the house and closed and locked the pantry door which led from the dining room window, followed by Robert of the house and closed and locked the pantry door which led from the dining room window, followed by Robert of the house and closed and locked the pantry door which led from the dining room window, followed by Robert of the inner, room haster a few words had passed between them Uncle Jim hastily and th

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Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lee were why they enjoyed playing so much

"Do you suppose a crow can taught to talk, asked his wife. "No indeed," was the answer.

The father once remarked to his wife: "I guess our boys have recovered from their disappointment over that silly idea of taming and making a crow speak."

TORY OF BILL CROW

While the boys, who had been the owners of their crow for over a year were planning how to introduce the subject to their father and to obtain his consent to keep him with their other pets, Mr. Bill Crow took the case in his own hards and wrough himself

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"Tame a crow and teach it to talk."

Are you boys crazy?" exclaimed the man.

For once Herbert and Robert found that their father did not take kindly to their new scheme and was not willing to grant their request. The boys repeated coaxings always met with a curt refusal. On one occasion their father answered in an irritable tone:

"Why, boys I am ashamed of you! You have many things other boys do not possess, and much more than I had when I was a lad; yet because you are refused, you still persist in wanting this good-figer-nothing thunder cloud about. A crow is certainly as

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Atter thinking a few moments, if which is the one fact that he does talk!" exclaimed mamma. "Boys how did you teach him to know a burglar, and how to catch him?"

"We spent hours and hours playing robbers and fire with him. Rob would burn a newspaper in the wash room and Bill was taught to fly to me calling fire! Fire!; and I would run and burn a newspaper in the wash room and Bill was taught to five the cable while Bill was at the window; then he was taught to run for me crying 'Robber! Robber!' until I started for the thief, then he was taught to keep still. It took a long time and lots of patience to teach him to do as he was bid, but at last he parents smiled at the mysterions of their some and wondered."

DIANA

ALMIRA KRAMER.

A Lesson in Politeness.

General Loe was once a passenger in a crowded railway train. Presentiy an aged woman, poorty dressed and carrying a heavy basket, boarded the train. She walked from one care to another without finding a seat, and no one offered her one. At last she came to the place where General Lee was sitting. He rose at once. Lifting his hat politely, he said:

"Madame, pray take this seat."
In an instant a dozen men offered to give their seats to the general, but he refused them all, saling:

"If there was no seat for this old lady, there is none for me."

GRACE MAHONEY, Age 11.

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The Minute-Men.

terests, not the men who conduct their own private affairs and goeslp with

friends during business hours.

The minute-men of today will succeed in the struggle of life while the

tardy, the careless and indifferent will fall by the wayside. The people now-a-days would pros-per a great deal more if they would take after the Minute-Men of 1776.

Christopher Columbus and the Jealous

Noblemen.

umbus:
"Your sailing across the Atlantic

made a small dent on one end and stood it upright.

The courtier was not to be caught by such a small thing and said:

"Why! That's easy! Any body could to their

Columbus said, "It is very easy for you to say that any body can sail across the Atlantic ocean but you say

Our School Fair.

All of the week before the fair we carned how to judge things for the

JOSEPHINE BOROVICKA.

it after I have shown you how."

Versailles.

could not do it.

LEO PELIQUIN, Age 11.

minute-men of 1776 were the

replied the little pumpkin, in a soft voice.

Late that same evening Jack Frost, the King of Ica and Snow, threw his spell over the garden.

The little pumpkin being near a corn stack did not get harmed, but the boastful pumpkin on account of its prominent position was bitten by the frost and was an awful sight.

The next morning the farmer with his little daughter came to the field and carried the big pumpkin to the barn and cut it up for food for the swine. Sleep is a restorer of vigor and strength. It has been called "Nature's Repair Shop," where all the repairing of the body and mind is done. There is nothing that can take its place in this respect. A disordered state of the nerves can best be cured by a full an ount of refreshing steep. Many men and women have grown prematurely old, and perhaps broken down and died at middle age, simply from over work and loss of sleep, when if they had taken more time for sleep they might have lived to an

Roger Williams was born in Wales in 1808.

He was educated at Oxford.

He was the pastor of the church at Salem. He did not believe in letting only church members vote and he said that the land did not belong to the king of England, but that it belonged to the Indians.

The Puritans were atraid that if the king heard of it he would take away their charter. They looked upon Roger Williams as a dangerous person.

As soon as Roger Williams learned that the Puritans were going to send that the Puritans were going to send thin back to England, he secaped in midwinter to the wilderness. He wandered about for 14 weeks through deep snows. Sometimes he slept in hollow tross and sometimes he slept in hollow tross and sometimes he got food from the Indians.

Canonicus, chief of the Narragan-setts, gave him a tract of land. Roger Williams made a settlement which he called Providence in token of

BERTHA FULLER, Age 12.

the schoolhouse and we give them crumbs and suet. Once there were two phoebes that built their nest near the school. Every morning we could hear them sing their happy song, "Phoebe," he liked to watch the male bring food to his mate white she sat patiently on the eggs, and later to the little birds when they were hatched. The birds were not ready to work when the school. Every habitually late. The minute-men of today are the men who keep themselves in condition to perform their alotted tasks, not the men who, by keeping late hours and indulging in bad habits, render themselves unfit to do an honest day's work.

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The minute-men of today are the men who are attentive to their duties and mindful of their employer's interests not the men who conduct their terests not the men who conduct their

Stafford Springs. Commodere Perry. There were some of the British ships n Lake Erie. Young Oliver was sent to fight them. He put on his flagship a banner which had on it the words of Lawrence: "Den't give up the ship."

During the battle this flagship was riddled with shot. It was fast going to the bottom. Perry took his banner, got into a small boat to be rowed to enother ship and stood up it the way.

CATHERINE GORMAN, Age 10. Versailles.

The Banana Tree.

A Visit to the Wood.

LETTERS TO UNCLE JED.

GEORGE BIENENSTOCK, Age 14. New York City.

ply from over work and loss of sleep, when if they had taken more time for sleep they might have lived to an advanced age.

Children are constantly being injurced mentally and physically. They are having sufficient sleep. They are taught that it is laziness to lie in bed beyond a certain hour in the morning, and that there is great wirtue in "early rising," or are forced to be up early under all circumstances, and are therefore deprived of the full amount of sleep that their constitution requires for a healthy development. One has but to look into the prematurely old faces of little children that work in the factories or shops to notice this, as well as many boys and girls who are found in farmers' households.

Some people require more sleep than others; each one must be a law unto himself in this respect. Children require more sleep than grown people, and young and middle-aged persons more than old; while in each individual case there will be a great difference. o'clock.
An auto came round and

MARGARET KUCHLE, Age 10. Manefield Center.

er.

A person should be allowed to sleep as long as he will sleep sound.

If parents wish their children to arise early in the morning, they should see that they retire early at night in order to have the full amount of rest that their systems require.

JESSIE L. BREHAUT, Age 19.

East Norwich, Long Island, N. Y.

notice to leave the piough, the workshop or the store and fight for freedom. These men beat back the oppression and won the independence of
our country. Today their names are
recorded on the pages of History in
letters that will never fade.

The minute-men of today are the
men who are ready to work when the
gong sounds, not the men who are

for anything.

After some days some of the sailors saw red berries floating by and landbirds flying about. One night the sailors saw a light. In the morning they saw land in front of them. The sailors shouted "Land! Land!"

Columbus when he went ashere knelt down and kissed the earth. The people living there were copper colored.

people never saw. Columbus was kindly treated and the king and queen asked him to come and sit beside them.

Columbus made four voyages over here, but did not find anything valuable. The people bound him in chains and sent him back.

When the queen saw the chains she ordered them cut off.

Columbus said when he died he wanted the chains buried with him.

NORA CARR AND 12

When Christopher Columbus had discovered America, some of Queen Isabella's noblemen were jealous. One day when Columbus and the noblemen were seated at a table, one of the jealous courtiers said to Coocean is not such a wonderful thing after all. Why, any one could do that!" Our Agricultural Fair. Dear Uncle Jed: Our agricultural fair was held in the schoolhouse Fri-day, the 17th of September. Columbus then took an egg from the plate on the table and handing it to the courtier he told him to try to make it stand up on one end.

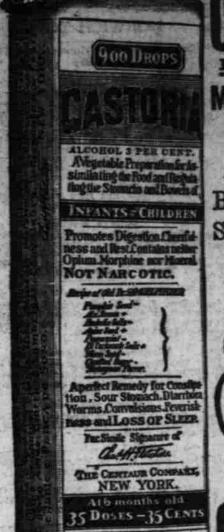
All the noblemen tried, but they tray cloth.

There were two goats, a boat, a kitten, some melons, a peanut plant, apples, beans, wild flowers, cultivated Columbus then took the egg, and hitting it gently on the table, thus made a small dent on one end and

running through the rocks.

I sat the baby down to rest, and at a little lunch. After that I went scouting for chestnuts and walnuts.

At last I found a chestnut tree and may sister and I filled our pockets as tight as stight as stight



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